

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION

☒ Original

☐ Supplemental

☐ Substitute

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a United States patent is sought on the invention entitled

SECRETED POLYPEPTIDE SPECIES ASSOCIATED WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as Application No. _____
(day/month/year)

and, if this box (☐) contains an *

☐ was amended on _____
(day/month/year)

☒ was filed as Patent Cooperation Treaty international Application No.

PCT/EP 2004/008860 on 06.08.2004
(day/month/year)

and, if this box (☐) contains an *

☐ entered the national stage in the United States and was accorded Application No.

and, if this box (☐) contains an *

☐ was amended, subsequent to entry into the national stage, on _____
(day/month/year)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) specifically referred to above and, if this application was filed as a Patent Cooperation Treaty international application, by any amendments made during the international stage (including any made under Patent Cooperation Treaty Rule 91, Article 19 and Article 34).

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, including, for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or Patent Cooperation Treaty international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's certificate or plant breeder's right certificate listed below and under 35 U.S.C. 365(a) of any Patent Cooperation Treaty international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also listed below any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's certificate or plant breeder's right certificate and Patent Cooperation Treaty international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States for the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application the priority of which is claimed for that subject matter:

COUNTRY/REGION (OR P.C.T.)	APPLICATION No.	FILING DATE (day/month/year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
-------------------------------	-----------------	---------------------------------	------------------

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE (day/month/year)
-----------------	---------------------------------

60/493,985 08.08.2003

60/493,599 08.08.2003

60/493,867 08.08.2003

60/493,836 08.08.2003

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and under 35 U.S.C. 365(c) of any Patent Cooperation Treaty international application(s) designating the United States listed below:

United States Application No.	United States Filing Date (day/month/year)	Status (Pending, Abandoned or U.S. Patent No.)	International Application No. and Filing Date (day/month/year)
----------------------------------	--	--	--

I hereby appoint all of the registered practitioners associated with Customer No. 001095, respectively and individually, as my attorneys and agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

If this box (☐) contains an x ☒, I hereby authorize the registered practitioners associated with Customer No. 001095 and any others acting on my behalf to take any action relating to this application based on communications from Corporate Intellectual Property of Novartis International AG, Basle, Switzerland, or an affiliate thereof or a successor thereto, without direct communication from me.

Please send all correspondence relating to this application to the address associated with Customer No. 001095.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Full name of sole
or first joint inventor **Guilaine ARGOUD-PUY**

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____
(day/month/year)

Residence **74160 Collonges-Sous-Saleve, France**

Citizenship **France**

Post Office Address **21, Impasse de la Drize
74160 Collonges-Sous-Saleve
France**

Full name of second
joint inventor, if any **Nassima BEDERR**

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____
(day/month/year)

Residence **01120 Divonne-les-Bains, France**

Citizenship **France**

Post Office Address **214 rue du Jura
Residence la Charmeriaie
01120 Divonne-les-Bains
France**

IMPORTANT: Before this declaration is signed, the patent application (the specification, the claims and this declaration) must be read and understood by each person signing it, and no changes may be made in the application after this declaration has been signed.

Full name of third
joint inventor, if any

Lydie BOUGUELERET

Inventor's signature

Date

(day/month/year)

Residence

1213 Petit-Lancy, Switzerland

Citizenship

France

Post Office Address

**22, vieux chemin d'Onex
1213 Petit-Lancy
Switzerland**

Full name of fourth
joint inventor, if any

Isabelle CUSIN

Inventor's signature

Date

(day/month/year)

Residence

74140 Douvaine, France

Citizenship

France

Post Office Address

**2, route de Thonon
74140 Douvaine
France**

Full name of fifth
joint inventor, if any

Eve MAHÉ

Inventor's signature

Date

(day/month/year)

Residence

74160 Beaumont, France

Citizenship

France

Post Office Address

**20 Route du Saleve
Domaine du Saleve
74160 Beaumont
France**

Full name of sixth
joint inventor, if any **Anne NIKNEJAD**

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____
(day/month/year)

Residence **1293 Bellevue, Switzerland**

Citizenship **Switzerland**

Post Office Address **22, Chemin des Tuilleries
1293 Bellevue
Switzerland**

Full name of seventh
joint inventor, if any **Samia REFFAS**

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____
(day/month/year)

Residence **1227 Carouge, Switzerland,**

Citizenship **Switzerland**

Post Office Address **9, rue des Allobroges
1227 Carouge
Switzerland**

Full name of eighth
joint inventor, if any **Keith ROSE**

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____
(day/month/year)

Residence **1232 Confignon, Switzerland**

Citizenship **Great Britain**

Post Office Address **233, rue de Bernex
1232 Confignon
Switzerland**

Full name of ninth
joint inventor, if any **Cédric SAUDRAIS**

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____
(day/month/year)

Residence **01210 Ferney-Voltaire, France**

Citizenship **France**

Post Office Address **52, ave. du Jura
01210 Ferney-Voltaire
France**

Full name of tenth
joint inventor, if any **Andreas SCHERER**

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____
(day/month/year)

Residence **79117 Freiburg, Germany**

Citizenship **Germany**

Post Office Address **Alemannenstr. 73
79117 Freiburg
Germany**

Full name of eleventh
joint inventor, if any **Ruben PAPOIAN**

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____
(day/month/year)

Residence **Cincinnati, OH 45202, USA**

Citizenship **USA**

Post Office Address **214 East 14th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
USA**